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**Federal Communications Commission**

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**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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| In the Matter of  | ) |                            |
|                   | ) | File No. EB-02-NY-189      |
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| J Transport, Inc. | ) | NAL/Acct. No. 200332380006 |
| Paterson, NJ      | ) |                            |
|                   | ) | FRN: 0007-7917-00          |

**NOTICE OF APPARENT LIABILITY FOR FORFEITURE**

**Released: December 27, 2002**

By the District Director, New York Office, Enforcement Bureau:

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. In this Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture ("NAL"), we find that J Transport, Inc. has apparently violated Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> as amended, by operating radio transmitting equipment on 151.245 MHz. We conclude that J Transport, Inc. is apparently liable for forfeiture in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

**II. BACKGROUND**

2. On August 13, 2002, the FCC New York Office received a complaint from an FCC licensed user, of harmful interference to the frequency 151.250 MHz.

3. On August 15, 2002, Commission agents, using direction-finding techniques, positively located the source of the interference at J Transport, Inc., 35 Broadway, Paterson, NJ, 07505. The agents determined that J Transport, Inc. operated radio-transmitting equipment on 151.245 MHz. There was no evidence of a Commission authorization for this operation in Paterson, NJ. The agents then conducted a station inspection, and advised both the radio dispatcher and manager that J Transport was operating on an unauthorized frequency of 151.245 MHz, which was causing interference to a local police department.

4. On August 16, 2002, Commission agents observed radio operation on 151.245 MHz in Paterson, NJ, and again positively identified the source of the transmission at J Transport, Inc., 35 Broadway, Paterson, NJ, 07505. They hand-delivered a Warning Letter for unlicensed operation to J Transport, Inc. at that time. The New York Office did not receive a reply to the hand delivered Warning Letter.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 301.

5. On August 16, 2002, the New York Office sent a Warning Letter for unlicensed operation, by First Class and Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested, to J Transport, Inc. The New York Office did not receive a reply to the Warning Letter.

### **III. DISCUSSION**

6. Section 301 of the Act sets forth generally that no person shall use or operate any apparatus for the transmission of energy or communications or signals by radio within the United States except under and in accordance with the Act and with a license granted under the provisions of the Act. A review of Commission's records showed that there was no evidence of a Commission authorization to operate this station on the frequency 151.245 MHz in Paterson, NJ.

7. Based on the evidence before us, we find that J Transport, Inc. operated radio transmission equipment on 151.245 MHz on August 15, 2002 and August 16, 2002 without a Commission authorization in willful<sup>2</sup> and repeated<sup>3</sup> violation of Section 301 of the Act.

8. *The Commission's Forfeiture Policy Statement and Amendment of Section 1.80 of the Rules to Incorporate the Forfeiture Guidelines*, 12 FCC Rcd 17087, 17113 (1997), *recon. denied*, 15 FCC Rcd 303(1999) ("*Forfeiture Policy Statement*")<sup>4</sup>, sets the base forfeiture amount for operation without an instrument of authorization at \$10,000. In assessing the monetary forfeiture amount, we must take into account the statutory factors set forth in Section 503(b)(2)(D) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> which include the nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the violation, and with respect to the violator, the degree of culpability, any history of prior offenses, ability to pay, and other such matters as justice may require. Applying the *Forfeiture Policy Statement* and the statutory factors to the instant case and applying the inflation adjustments, we believe that a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) monetary forfeiture is warranted.

### **IV. ORDERING CLAUSES**

9. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT, pursuant to Section 503(b) of the Act<sup>6</sup> and Sections 0.111, 0.311 and 1.80 of the Commission's Rules<sup>7</sup>, J Transport, Inc. is hereby NOTIFIED of their APPARENT LIABILITY FOR A FORFEITURE in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for willfully violating Section 301 of the Act.

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<sup>2</sup> Section 312(f)(1) of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 312(f)(1), which applies to Section 503(b) of the Act, provides that "[t]he term 'willful', when used with reference to the commission or omission of any act, means the conscious and deliberate commission or omission of such act, irrespective of any intent to violate any provision of this Act ...." See *Southern California Broadcasting Co.*, 6 FCC Rcd 4387 (1991).

<sup>3</sup> Section 312(f)(2), which also applies to Section 503(b), provides: [t]he term "repeated", when used with reference to the commission or omission of any act, means the commission or omission of such act more than once or, if such commission or omission is continuous, for more than one day.

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.80.

<sup>5</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 503(b)(2)(D).

<sup>6</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 503(b).

<sup>7</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.111, and 0.311.

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10. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT, pursuant to Section 1.80 of the Commission's Rules, within thirty days of the release date of this NOTICE OF APPARENT LIABILITY, J Transport, Inc. SHALL PAY the full amount of the proposed forfeiture or SHALL FILE a written statement seeking reduction or cancellation of the proposed forfeiture.

11. Payment of the forfeiture may be made by mailing a check or similar instrument, payable to the order of the Federal Communications Commission, to the Forfeiture Collection Section, Finance Branch, Federal Communications Commission, P.O. Box 73482, Chicago, Illinois 60673-7482. The payment should note the NAL/Acct. No. 200332380006 and FRN: 0007-7917-00.

12. Any response to this NAL must be mailed to Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Technical and Public Safety Division, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554 and MUST INCLUDE THE NAL/Acct. No. 200332380006.

13. The Commission will not consider reducing or canceling a forfeiture in response to a claim of inability to pay unless the petitioner submits: (1) federal tax returns for the most recent three-year period; (2) financial statements prepared according to generally accepted accounting practices ("GAAP"); or (3) some other reliable and objective documentation that accurately reflects the petitioner's current financial status. Any claim of inability to pay must specifically identify the basis for the claim by reference to the financial documentation submitted.

14. Requests for payment of the full amount of this Notice of Apparent Liability under an installment plan should be sent to: Chief, Revenue and Receivable Operations Group, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.<sup>8</sup>

15. Under the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Pub L. No. 107-198, 116 Stat. 729 (June 28, 2002), the FCC is engaged in a two-year tracking process regarding the size of entities involved in forfeitures. If you qualify as a small entity and if you wish to be treated as a small entity for tracking purposes, please so certify to us within thirty (30) days of this NAL, either in your response to the NAL or in a separate filing to be sent to the Technical and Public Safety Division. Your certification should indicate whether you, including your parent entity and its subsidiaries, meet one of the definitions set forth in the list provided by the FCC's Office of Communications Business Opportunities (OCBO) set forth in Attachment A of this Notice of Apparent Liability. This information will be used for tracking purposes only. Your response or failure to respond to this question will have no effect on your rights and responsibilities pursuant to Section 503(b) of the Communications Act. If you have questions regarding any of the information contained in Attachment A, please contact OCBO at (202) 418-0990.

16. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT a copy of this NOTICE OF APPARENT LIABILITY shall be sent by Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested to J Transport, Inc., 35 Broadway, Paterson, NJ, 07505.

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<sup>8</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1914.